



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

Cooperating with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry
and the Louisiana State University Ag Center
Louisiana Field Office · 5825 Florida Blvd · Baton Rouge, LA 70806
(225) 922-1362 · (225) 922-0744 FAX www.nass.usda.gov/la

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, August 21, 2011

Released August 22, 2011

Volume 11 Number 25

CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.6
Soil moisture supplies: 34% very short, 32% short, 32% adequate, and 2% surplus

Field Crops Report
Very hot and dry conditions were once again experienced throughout most of the state last week. Dry weather allowed rice harvest to progress rapidly; at 56 percent, rice harvest is 8 points ahead of the five-year average. Corn harvest progressed to 88 percent, 28 points ahead of the five-year average. Soybean producers sprayed insecticides and continued to harvest early maturing varieties. Sugarcane planting continued.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Vegetable producers were busy working fall crops. Strawberry producers prepared fields for planting. Citrus producers scouted for insects.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Cattlemen were busy cutting hay. Hot, dry weather caused a decline in pasture conditions.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	88	66	80	60
Cotton	Setting Bolls	100	99	100	100
	Bolls Opening	62	43	65	47
Hay	Second Cutting	86	82	92	86
Rice	Headed	99	98	99	99
	Ripe	82	65	78	80
	Harvested	56	41	40	48
Sorghum	Mature	96	84	95	89
	Harvesting	82	53	75	56
Soybeans	Blooming	100	99	100	100
	Setting Pods	98	95	95	97
	Turning Color	47	33	58	52
	Dropping Leaves	26	9	36	32
	Harvested	13	3	15	5
Sugarcane	Planted	28	16	29	24

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	3	28	36	25	8
Soybeans	7	13	43	30	7
Rice	2	3	22	43	30
Sugarcane	9	14	30	39	8
Livestock	4	13	40	40	3
Vegetables	14	20	35	29	2
Sweet Potatoes	6	3	18	72	1
Pasture	19	22	40	17	2

LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE CLIMATOLOGY, LSU, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/15/11 TO 08/21/11

AIR					PRECIPITATION			
TEMPERATURE					WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	108	75	91	82	0.00	0.00	16.93	33.77
Minden	107	74	91	81	0.10	0.51	20.10	36.19
Mooringsport	(111)	73	93	MM	0.07	0.30	19.28	29.83
Shreveport South	111	74	93	MM	0.00	0.49	17.06	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	111	73	92	82	0.06	0.40	MM.MM	34.43
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	104	69	86	82	0.00	1.88	26.66	36.84
Homer/Hill Farm	105	70	87	81	0.63	1.84	21.08	36.25
Bienville 3 NE	106	71	90	81	0.24	1.34	25.21	40.00
Farmerville	102	72	86	MM	0.00	4.05	23.50	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	106	69	87	82	0.22	1.69	MM.MM	37.46
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	98	68	82	81	0.27	2.08	29.02	39.63
LSU-St Joseph	99	71	84	82	0.00	2.92	31.94	38.26
LSU-Winnsboro	103	70	86	82	0.00	5.61	31.99	37.83
Tallulah	99	(65)	84	81	0.13	2.23	30.47	39.47
Extreme/Average	103	65	83	82	0.20	2.16	29.02	38.74
4. West-Central								
Leesville	108	71	88	81	0.02	2.53	18.48	37.19
Ashland	107	72	89	81	0.00	0.06	20.12	36.37
Hodges Gardens	106	74	89	MM	0.27	0.67	18.65	37.04
Extreme/Average	108	71	89	82	0.10	1.09	18.48	36.65
5. Central								
Alexandria	108	74	90	83	0.00	0.35	20.79	39.07
Jonesville Locks	MM	MM	MM	82	0.00	1.70	23.70	38.71
Eunice	105	71	87	83	0.35	3.91	21.25	38.68
Bunkie	106	71	87	82	0.12	2.17	21.41	40.28
New Roads 5 NE	MM	MM	MM	82	M.MM	2.90	27.30	40.26
Extreme/Average	108	71	89	82	0.18	2.13	21.02	39.49
6. East-Central								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.19	4.46	31.70	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.64	10.54	36.94	44.32
LSU-Hammond	96	69	83	82	0.19	5.13	27.68	43.72
Slidell	92	72	83	82	1.48	10.39	32.67	42.75
Extreme/Average	96	69	83	82	1.48	10.39	32.67	43.77
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	106	73	89	82	0.70	0.90	20.29	39.29
Jennings	100	73	86	82	0.59	4.01	25.05	38.41
LSU-Crowley	100	72	86	82	1.01	2.98	27.01	39.44
Oberlin Fire Tow	104	71	87	83	0.15	2.34	20.64	42.97
Extreme/Average	106	71	87	82	0.61	2.56	22.85	39.46
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	97	72	85	82	0.04	2.94	25.06	41.13
LSU-Jeanerette	98	72	85	81	0.64	6.14	25.16	41.34
Morgan City	96	74	85	81	0.91	5.16	26.40	42.92
Lafayette	100	74	87	82	2.67	10.75	38.25	39.88
Extreme/Average	100	72	86	82	1.21	4.05	25.73	41.89
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	96	75	87	MM	1.91	5.82	22.87	37.58
Galliano	95	74	85	82	0.21	5.70	32.49	44.51
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	83	0.08	4.70	21.55	43.03
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.20	6.84	32.52	43.89
Extreme/Average	96	74	86	83	0.73	5.82	22.87	43.14
State Averages	111	65	87	82	0.52	3.40	24.31	40.47

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 21, 2011

The Louisiana Crop-Weather Summary is published weekly beginning the second week of March and ending the first week of December by USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service's Louisiana Field Office. Subscription is free to respondents and cooperators, \$12.00 annually to all others.

For free automatic e-mail subscription to this publication, go to our homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and click on "Subscribe to LA reports" on the right hand side of the page. Choose the reports you want to receive, and complete the form.

PRST STD
US POSTAGE PAID
MAILED FROM ZIP CODE 39205
PERMIT NO. G-38

USDA-NASS
LOUISIANA
FIELD OFFICE



Louisiana Crop-Weather Summary
(ISSN 0273-8848) (225) 922-1362
5825 Florida Blvd., PO Box 65038
Baton Rouge, LA 70896-5038